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**TELLING TOO MUCH.**

Although official secrecy is still extensive many private citizens have been increasingly puzzled by the volume of official publicity on matters that have national defense import. Some of it originates in congress where irresponsibility related to the personal exhibitionism urge is too extensive. But in the last analysis it does not seem that many members of congress are entrusted with national defense secrets to a decisive extent; so it may be deduced that the greatest loose-mouth danger is not in the legislative area.

Statements by some military authorities are more thought-provoking in view of the risk of making it too easy for antagonistic foreigners to get information about our national defenses. Some highly revelatory statements are made occasionally by military authorities. Sometimes the statement of one military man may be contradicted by another but the net effect may still be bad. And occasionally what is said by non-military officials in the executive branch of government does not seem wise from the national defense viewpoint. This condition is peculiarly American. Similar babbling by people in responsible positions in England and France is rare. Mostly vague rumors are circulated about military matters in the Soviet Union.

The United States central intelligence agency director, Allen W. Dulles, brings this matter to head by stating that "we tell Russia too much." In a copyrighted interview published in U. S. News & World Report he specifically mentions matter published "in our scientific and technical journals" and things discussed in congressional hearings. "I would give a good deal," Director Dulles says, "if I could know as much about the Soviet Union as the Soviet Union can learn about us by merely reading the press." More secrecy in matters that have vital defense import is long overdue. The reputable press in this country, as well as intelligent private citizens in general, would welcome signs of improvement in this respect.